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Dawnbreaker

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volume 24, no. 3

With the first signs of spring: crocus blooming, sunshine and the thought of no snow, an eagerness to begin gardening . . . Comes the call to convention: our annual opportunity to meet old and new acquaintances from all over the state, have new ideas rejuvenate the old, take a journey to Brunswick on a (hopefully) warm, sunny weekend to mark the beginning of a renewed you.

Claire Fulcher has accepted the invitation to attend our annual spring convention. Who is she? Our associate first vice president - an energetic, warm, dynamic person. From my observations of Dr. Fulcher in action at the Salem, NH fall workshop, I can guarantee an enriching experience.

We need your ideas . . . and we think you need the stimulation of the convention. Send your registration in soon, very soon. Having made the effort to attend several conventions, I can argue that it is worth the hassle and planning needed to make the trip.

TO KEEP YOU INFORMED

Gov. Longley appeals for the names of women to serve on boards and commissions. Are you willing? Tell him.

Farmington Branch members have an observer corps at the legislature on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. All members are invited to join them. Simply sign-in in the book in the law library.

Maine Ways reports a holding pattern.

Public TV projects is reorganizing and will report to the summer board meeting. Its purpose is to survey how public TV can better serve viewers.

The nominating committee selections for three Division offices - president, vice president and corresponding secretary - are found on page three. Come meet the candidates and vote at convention, 30 April and 1 May.

FOCUS --- FELLOWSHIPS

What better way to introduce the exciting reality of AAUW fellowships than to introduce "Tibby" Russell - active in the fellowships program and recently honored with the inauguration of the Dr. Elizabeth Russell Fellowship.

Dr. Russell is a senior staff scientist at the Jackson Laboratory in Bar Harbor. Her entire career has centered in that institution - to the pride of Maine - but her activities have spread far afield.

A look at Dr. Russell's last summer's vacation serves to illustrate her activities when she is not observing the progress of a research project through generation after slow generation of laboratory mice. In Amsterdam she taught an UNESCO-sponsored training course in cancer research. In South Germany she participated in a workshop on the action of viruses in blood formation; in Denmark in a conference on embryology; in Yugoslavia, on hematology. She went to Sweden for fun.

Dr. Russell's first important research concerned pigmentation. There followed a continuing research into anemia and into hemoglobin. Some years ago she observed that one strain of mice dragged their feet. Was this due to disease, or food, or was it genetic? It turned out that the mice had muscular dystrophy, the first instance of inherited muscular disease recorded in laboratory stock - a most important discovery which Dr. Russell followed for ten years and is still being carried on by other scientists.

In the Bar Harbor fire of 1947 the laboratory and its records were largely destroyed; its stocks of mice virtually wiped out. Into this scene of devastation, worldwide scientific organizations which had bought mice from the laboratory began sending back breeding pairs with their records. "Tibby" Russell was given the job of accepting the mice and building up a new common source.

"From that all kinds of things began to happen," she says. "Questions began to arise about changes that had taken place." For one thing, it was obvious that the life span was longer than previous records showed. Why? Thus began her research into the genetic aspects of aging.

With all the trail-blazing Dr. Russell has done for women in science is she a women's libber? Not especially. "I think it is very important to open opportunities for women," she says, "but, for instance, I am not keen on being called 'Ms.'"

AAUW fellowships have been part of Tibby Russell's life. She held one herself in 1939; for six years she served on the International Fellowships Committee; she initiated the fellowship honoring Dr. Margaret Dickie, a fellow scientist at Jackson Laboratory; she is a member of the hospitality committee of the Mt. Desert branch which has entertained three AAUW fellows.

editor's thanks go to Sybil Brush for writing the above article. I only regret that space forced me to eliminate portions of the text.

Now that you have met Dr. Russell, let's examine exactly what honor was awarded her with the inauguration of the fellowship fund.

This fund is one of three types of grants AAUW awards. The three types are:

- 1) fellowships
- 2) research and projects
- 3) endowment

The first two are awarded at the division level and are annually funded - the money is raised and spent in one year. Period. The last type, endowed, is an association level award and differs because only the interest is spent - the principal remains to earn more money for awards in the future.

The Elizabeth Russell fund is an endowed fund and \$65,000 must be raised to bring it to the award stage. Perhaps you recall that the Margaret Dickie fund, also honoring a Maine member, reached the awarding level for the first time last year and the awardee attended convention last year in Augusta.

Now let's become more local in focus and see how your branch compares in its raising of money for fellowships:

branch	1972/73	1973/74	1974/75
Augusta	100.00	100.00	100.00
Bangor	5.00	100.00	100.00
Bath-Brunswick	1,010.00	500.00	500.00
Cape Neddick	110.00	100.00	110.00
*Caribou	-----	-----	-----
Franklin Co.	220.00	220.00	220.00
Gorham, Cape Eliz.	-----	66.00	54.00
Houlton	-----	75.00	75.00
Lincoln-Knox	275.00	550.00	400.00
Mt. Desert	1,173.00	550.00	600.00
Orono-Old Town	25.00	347.00	100.00
Portland	88.00	135.00	137.50
Presque Isle	100.00	100.00	50.00
Waterville	436.00	641.75	600.00
York	100.00	150.00	100.00
**TOTALS	3,692.09	3,680.55	3,156.31

*A new branch, Caribou has yet to set up fellowship funds.

**Totals vary from branch totals because of interest on funds and money sent direct to Washington.

As branches work through this year's activities raising money for fellowships, several incentives to do an even more energetic job are posed:

- . . . to celebrate its 100th birthday in 1982, AAUW plans to raise \$10 million for endowed fellowships. This is a celebration that will go on and on - through annual gifts of fellowships
- . . . far too many women are refused grants because the competition is so fierce: about 1 in 10 are granted
- . . . the Elizabeth Russell fund needs principal raised

If you have further questions about fellowships, please ask Mary O'Halloran, 32 Western Avenue, Waterville 04901.

Maine Division AAUW
Proposed Legislative Program, 1976-78
Priorities indicated by underlining

RIGHTS OF THE INDIVIDUAL. The Maine State Division of AAUW supports measures that protect the rights of the individual:

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- 2) utilization of all human talents.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY. The MSD of AAUW supports educational programs essential to a democratic society. We support measures that:

- 1) continue to support equal funding for all elementary and secondary school systems.
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 - a) tax breaks for those who install solar energy systems or windmills.
 - b) price incentives for use of electric power during off-peak hours.
- 3) provide for protection of the consumer including but not limited to
 - a) no fault insurance
 - b) abolition of milk pricing formula
 - c) solid waste disposal or returnable bottle bills
 - d) control of aerosol spray cans
 - e) warranties on new houses
 - f) malpractice insurance
- 4) call for tax reform (equitable taxation)
- 5) provide for transportation reforms including public transportation and facilities for pedestrians and bicycles.
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Preregistration Form
Maine Division AAUW - Annual Convention
April 30- May 1, 1976

NAME _____ BRANCH _____

ADDRESS _____

Registration fee. . \$2.00 _____
Division banquet. . 6.00 _____
Luncheon 3.25 _____

Please return by 16 April 1976 to:

Deborah M. Schall
20 Baribeau Drive
Brunswick, ME 04011
725-7693

TOTAL _____

Please make checks payable to
Bath-Brunswick Branch AAUW.

☐ I am interested in private
housing.

☐ Please send maps of the area.

1:15 p.m. Program, part 2.

3:00 p.m. Adjournment and the journey home.

Hospitality homes:

Friday afternoon, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Early arrivals are welcome to
the home of Faith Moll, 106 Union Street, Brunswick (a five-
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lobster sauce
broiled tomato broccoli polonaise
spinach salad homemade bread
Bowdoin log coffee, tea
\$6.00

luncheon menu

chilled juice
chef's salad bowl
blueberry muffin
strawberry chiffon pie
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AAUW / MAINE DIVISION
1976 Annual Convention / 30 April and 1 May
Bowdoin College Senior Center
Brunswick, Maine

Friday, 30 April

- 4:00 p.m. Registration. Daggett Lounge.
6:00 p.m. Sherry reception.
7:15 p.m. Division banquet. Speaker: Claire Fulcher,
association first vice president, Washington, DC

Saturday, 1 May

- 8:00 a.m. Registration and coffee.
8:30 a.m. Program, part 1.
10:15 a.m. Annual business meeting. Election of division officers.
12:00 noon Luncheon.
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MEET YOUR CANDIDATES AT CONVENTION

Lou Smith

Nominee for president, Lou is from Waterville. She holds B.S. and M.S. degrees from Penn State and describes herself as micro-biologist, mother, volunteer, and politician. Her interests range from being Waterville council member to baking bread - with a list of other interests too long to include. Lou is the past president of the Waterville Branch and past program chairman of the Division.

Catherine Cocks

Nominee for vice president, Kit holds an A.B. degree in history and AMLS degree from the University of Michigan. Newly arrived in Maine, she previously held positions in the business administration and law libraries at the U. of Michigan. Her interest: reading! Kit is from the Waterville Branch.

Agnes Patterson

Nominee for corresponding secretary, Agnes is a native Mainer who holds a B.S. degree from the University of Maine. Currently president of the Orono-Old Town Branch, she is multi-interested and super-involved. Velma Oliver figures that Agnes' datebook is more filled than hers - which seems impossible! This semester Agnes is with her husband at the Brookhaven National Lab in Upton, Long Island.

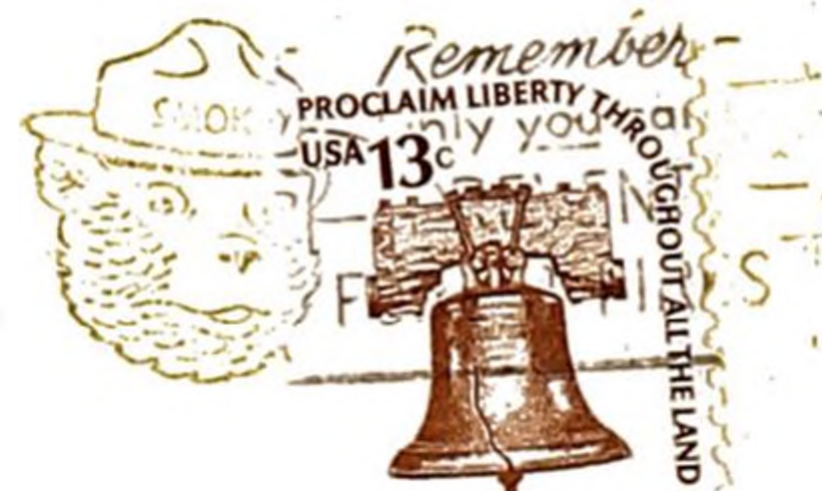
CONVENTION HOUSING:

Stowe House, 63 Federal Street, Brunswick, 725-5543.	s/ \$12.60
(within walking distance of Bowdoin Senior Center)	d/ \$18.90
Holiday Inn, Cook's Corner, Brunswick, 729-3317	s/ \$14.70
	d/ \$22.05
Maineline Motel, 133 Pleasant Street, Brunswick, 725-8761	s/ \$10.50
	d/ \$12.60

Individuals are responsible for making their own motel reservations. Please mention AAUW to qualify for special rates.

If you would prefer private housing in Bath or Brunswick, please indicate on the registration form.

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